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SUBJECT: SILVEIRA'S VIEWS ON CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA

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1. IN A MEETING THIS WEEK WITH SILVEIRA ON OTHER SUBJECTS, I ASKED HIM FOR HIS THOUGHTS ON THE MOTIVATIONS OF CUBA IN INTERVENING MASSIVELY IN ANGOLA. I EXPLAINED THAT WE WERE EXAMINING THE QUESTION, THAT WE HAD NO FIRM OPINIONS AND THAT WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HIS VIEWS AND A CONTRIBUTION TO OUR EXAMINATION.

2. SILVEIRA SAID WITH ASSURANCE THAT IN HIS JUDGMENT CASTRO HAD ACTED AT SOVIET REQUEST. HE ADDED THAT HE BELIEVED THAT THE SOVIETS DID NOT HAVE TO PUT PRESSURE ON CASTRO; HE PROBABLY ACCEPTED WITH ALACRITY FOR A MIX OF IDEOLOGICAL, PRESTIGE AND CREDENTIALS-VALIDATING REASONS. SILVEIRA EMPHASIZED THAT HE DOUBTED VERY MUCH THAT CASTRO WOULD HAVE MOVED IN THE FORM HE DID IN THE ABSENCE OF A SOVIET SUGGESTION.

3. I TOLD SILVEIRA THAT HIS VIEWS AND MY OWN PERSONAL ONES WERE QUITE CLOSE.

4. IN REPLY TO MY QUESTION ABOUT THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE HEMISPHERE, SILVEIRA LIMITED HIMSELF TO SAYING THAT BRAZIL HAD ALWAYS BELIEVED AND CONTINUED TO BELIEVE THAT
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CUBA WOULD INTERVENE WHENEVER IT SAW AN OPPORTUNITY. HE

CITED REPORTS FROM THE URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT (HE IMPLIED THAT THEY WERE RECENT) OF CUBAN ACTIVITY THERE AND FIRM EVIDENCE OF CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN PLOTS AGAINST STROESSNER'S LIFE AND GOVERNMENT LAST YEAR.

5. SILVEIRA TURNED IMMEDIATELY TO COMMENTS ON ANGOLA, WHICH ARE REPORTED IN A FOLLOWING TELEGRAM.
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